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Subject: Re: Story re: EPA aides testimony

RJ -

Let me know if you need anything from me on this inquiry.

On Jul 2, 2018, at 10:23 AM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

Thank you.

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Monday, July 2, 2018 10:08 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
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First inquiry on this topic...

From: Dennis, Brady [<mailto:Brady.Dennis@washpost.com>]
Sent: Monday, July 2, 2018 10:02 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
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Subject: Story re: EPA aides testimony

Hi all,

Hope you're staying cool in the swelter. We wanted to touch base with you about a story that likely will post sometime later today, as far as we know, and run in print tomorrow. It primarily deals with some of the testimony that Samantha Dravis and Ryan Jackson gave to House Oversight staffers late last week.

Among the things we understand they told interviewers:

--They maintained that the administrator pressed to travel first-class or via private jet

--Dravis said that Mr. Pruitt asked his subordinates to do non-official work for him

--Dravis told investigators that the administrator wanted his spouse to find a post with an annual salary of more than \$200,000. (To be clear, we don't say this actually happened. And we also make clear that Cleta Mitchell has said she was the point person in helping with the job search).

-- Dravis described how Mr. Pruitt asked her and another former top aide, Sarah Greenwalt, to provide pro bono legal advice by reviewing a rental agreement he wanted out of early. The Pruitts lived briefly in Washington's U St. corridor before relocating, a move that forced them to pay a penalty.

--Jackson told interviewers that he had helped connect Pruitt with a fellow Oklahoman, lobbyist J. Steven Hart, to reach a housing deal in early 2017. The initial arrangement--under which Pruitt agreed to pay \$50 a night only on the days when he stayed in the condo owned by Hart's wife, Vicki--was supposed to last six weeks, Jackson told House staffers.

--In addition, Jackson said he and Dravis had raised concerns about the administrator's decision to begin routinely traveling first class.

(FYI, we got this email from Ryan: "Committee counsel explicitly asked me at the beginning of the morning not to reveal what the Committee asked me about. I don't know if there's an obligation to follow that, but I intend to follow that request.")

In addition, the story includes a mention of how Reginald Brown, who handled the administrator's financial disclosure documents in early 2017, took the unusual step of asking an EPA ethics official to help make sure that the incoming EPA administrator abided by federal rules around travel and political activity. Also, we understand that Oklahoma State Supreme Court Justice Patrick Wyrich, who worked as the state's solicitor general while Pruitt served as attorney general, cautioned Pruitt before and after he had taken over at EPA that excessive spending could lead to ethics problems.

As always, feel free to reach either of us by phone or email. I'm in transit at the moment but should be at the office soon. Juliet is on the road today and will be reachable on and off.

Many thanks,

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